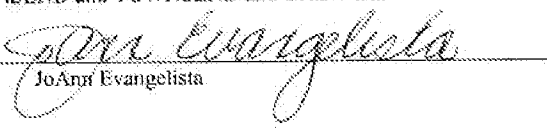


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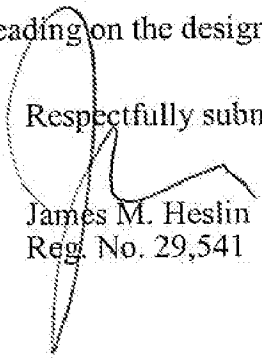
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In response to the action mailed May 4, 2007, Applicants elect the claims of
Group I (claims 11-24) without traverse.

Applicants further designate the species of "mitral regurgitation for initial
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